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Subject:

CUWCD meeting on rehabilitation or replacement of 7 diversion structures on the

Lower Provo River.

I attended the 12/2/2005 CUWCD meeting on rehabilitation or replacement of 7 diversion structures on the Lower Provo River. The primary purpose for the projects is to allow passage of June Sucker up and down the Lower Provo River from Utah Lake. There will also be a minimum in-stream flow requirement of 75 cfs implemented as part of the project.

There was significant discussion on the acquisition of additional water required for these flows. Most of it, tied into the Utah Lake Storage project. Some gained through purchasing of water shares. Some gained through conservation and savings from seepage, etc. associated with piping of open canal channels. The first phase will be the rehabilitation of the Fort Field Ditch headings. Almost 5 mi. of stream habitat will be gained once fish passage is provided at this diversion.

An EA for Fort Field is being initiated. Our office should be receiving scoping documents in the next couple of months. Several alternatives are being considered. It's hoped the EA will be completed with in 2006. EAs on the other projects will follow.

Significant to this office is the installation of real time measurement devices at each modified diversion. Also of interest is the fact that the number of on-system users has decreased dramatically due to development and shares bought up by CUWCD and Jordan Valley. Based on this, CUWCD intends to combine headings and abandon others when possible. The canal co.s are apparently supportive of the projects because of their concerns over O&M costs.

I'll put correspondence, maps, and my notes on the Provo River file. Jim

CC:

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